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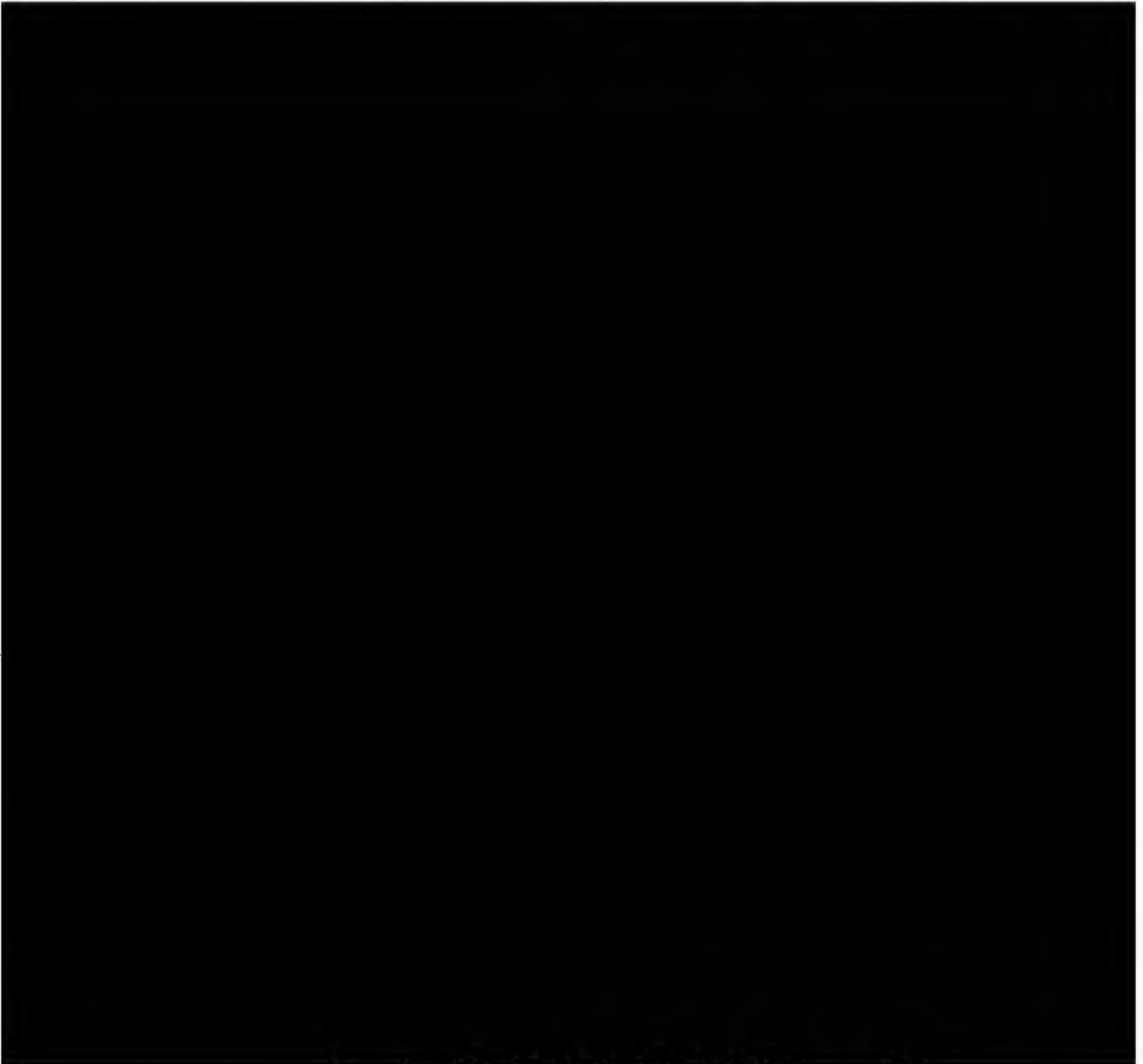
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- II. In France, resentment over US Suez policy has continued to grow, with increasing official and press references to "new US-USSR Yalta agreement".
- A. Premier Mallet has publicly warned that Europe must "unite" within a year or risk the development of a Soviet-American arrangement for "division" of the world.
 - B. France's oil shortage is now threatening an unprecedented wave of anti-American popular sentiment.
 - 1. Neutralist elements have already begun press campaign denouncing US delay in assuring oil deliveries.
 - 2. Pro-American deputies and top government officials have warned US Embassy of strength and genuineness of this sentiment.
 - C. Pro-American Pop. Republican deputies also expressing fears of a basic change in French foreign policy orientation, unless repairs to the Anglo-French-US alliance made by spring.

D. Top-level Foreign office official Joxe believes anti-American sentiment, plus growing domestic difficulties, may jeopardize France's republican tradition and lead to "some sort of right-wing, xenophobic, fascist type of regime."

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